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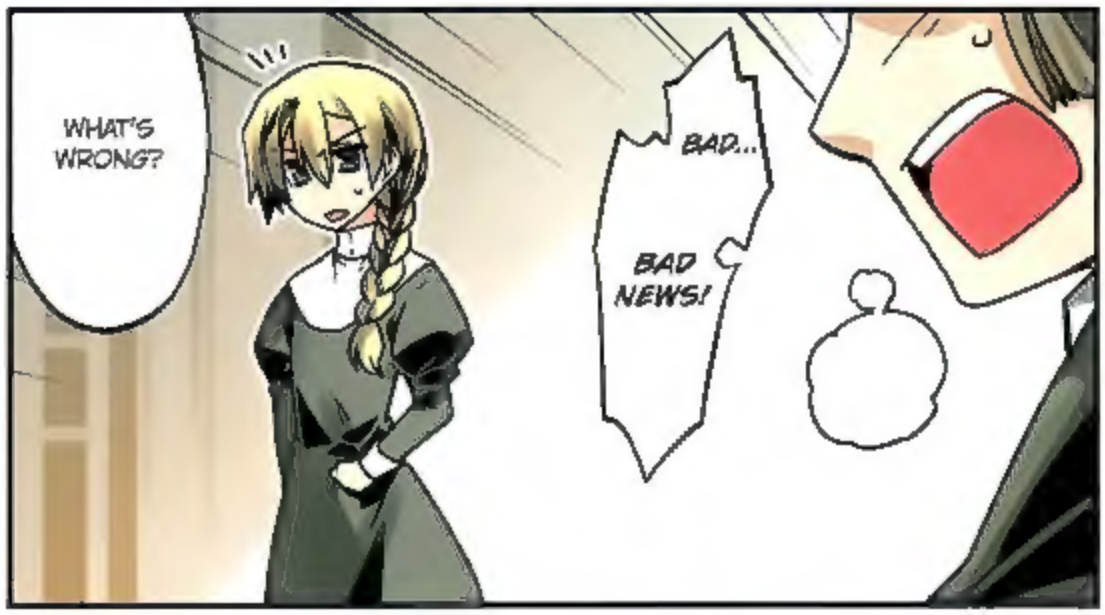
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UMM...


WHAT'S WRONG?
BAD...
BAD NEWS!




CRIMSON SCHOLAR IS SUSPECTED FOR BEING A HERETIC...!

CHAPTER 13: I DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND ANYMORE

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THE ONE WHO OPENED A SCHOOL IN WINTER NATION CALLS HERSELF "CRIMSON SCHOLAR"...

THE MENTIONED PERSON HAS BEEN SUSPECTED OF THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST,

THE CROP "POTATO" THAT THE SUSPECT HAS BEEN SPREADING TO INNOCENT FARMERS

IS A FRUIT HARVESTED BY THE DEMONS.

SECOND,

THE FARMING METHODS AND THE FERTILIZER USAGE ADVOCATED BY THE SUSPECT GOES AGAINST THE TEACHINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,

AND THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF CONTAIN-ING PAGAN TEACHINGS.

THIRD,

THE VARIOUS TOPICS THE SUS-PECT TEACHES AT THE SCHOOL

ARE IDEAS THAT RIDICULES THE CHURCH'S AUTHORITY.

AND LAST,

HOLY KINGS-LAND'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY HAS NO RECORD OF ONE NAMED "CRIMSON SCHOLAR".

FROM CENTRAL HOLY LIGHT ORDER, INQUISITION BISHOP...

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THE EVIDENCE MENTIONED

ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR SUSPECTING "CRIMSON SCHOLAR" AS A HERETIC.

WAS IT THE INFLUENCE OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED ARCHBISHOP?

I WAS CARELESS

NOT TO FORESEE SUCH A TURN OF EVENTS.

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YES.

THE NEW ARCHBISHOP IS AN EXTREME ORTHODOX SPIRIT WORSHIPPER.

HE MUST BE PLANNING FOR A THIRD HOLY CRUSADE

IN ORDER TO RECOVER THE FALLING DIGNITY OF THE CHURCH.

AS A RESULT, CENTRAL'S INFLUENCE ON THEM HAS BEEN DIMINISHING.

THANKS TO BOTH THE POTATO AND IMPROVEMENTS IN FARMING METHODS, SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS' FOOD PRODUCTION NO LONGER DEPEND ON CENTRAL.

WITH WINTER NATION AT ITS CENTER, THEY'RE STRENGTHENING THEIR ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE.

SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS RESOLVING ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS IS ALSO A HINDRANCE FOR THAT PLAN...

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SCHOLAR'S TEACHINGS AND REVELATIONS MUST HAVE BEEN A BIG ROADBLOCK.

NO, TO REATTACH THE CHAIN AROUND THEIR DOG'S COLLAR,

TO RECOVER CENTRAL'S AUTHORITY...

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HOW SHOULD WE ACT AS "UNION"?

AT THE MOMENT, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

THERE ARE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO FOR NOW.

YUP.

I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME.

OHHH, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO CALL YOU.

I KNOW THAT.

BUT THIS IS WHERE WE START GETTING BUSY.

THAT'S RIGHT. I FINALLY MANAGED TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THE "TEN MEN COMMITTEE".

SO YOU'RE UNION'S "COMMITTEE MEMBER" NOW. YOU SURE SUCCEEDED.

YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE COMPASS TO THE CORN WERE HUGE.

AND ALSO AT CRIMSON SCHOLAR'S SCHOOL.

I MET YOU A NUMBER OF TIMES AT THE ICE NATION PALACE...

AND HE IS...

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

HE SAID HE'S GOT SOME BUSINESS HERE.

YUP.

LONG TIME NO SEE, MR. YOUNG MERCHANT.

HOW'S HER HIGHNESS?

Here's the payment from Blizzard Queen.

I'll take that.

...

SHE'S DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE CURRENT SITUATION.

BUT SHE WAS AT LEAST ABSOLUTE

ON LONE WINTER KING BEING THE LEADER OF THE THREE NATION TRADE AGREEMENT.

MY my

I'M PRETTY MUCH USELESS EVEN IF I'M IN THE COUNTRY.

SO HER HIGHNESS TOLD ME, "IF YOU'VE GOT NOTHING BETTER TO DO, AT LEAST GO TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD."

I SEE.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING FROM NOW ON?

THEN

HOW ABOUT I ASSIGN YOU A TASK?

!?

YOU KNOW HE IS AN OUTSIDER, RIGHT?

A NEGOTIATION WITH UNION HEADQUARTERS, THE "TEN MEN COMMITTEE".

AND THE GOAL OF THE NEGOTIATION IS..?

TO STALL THE TEN MEN COMMITTEE.

I'LL LEAVE THE METHOD UP TO YOU.

THIS IS A BATTLE.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN OUTSIDER.

ANYONE IN POSSESSION OF GOLD CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AN OUTSIDER.

STALLING... FOR TIME..?

TIME IS THE THING IN NEED RIGHT NOW.

FOR ME...

AND YOUR TEACHER.

AFTER ALL, I'M NO GOOD AT BUSINESS OR AT WAR.

No, no.

THE PLACE YOU'LL BE HEADING TO IS QUITE A BATTLEFIELD OF ITS OWN.

My only talent is dancing or gossiping at the palace anyway

DEAL,

BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE THE RESULT.

MY, MY...

I GOT THE SHORT STICK.

THEN IT'S DECIDED.

MIDDLE-AGED MERCHANT, CAN YOU ACT AS HIS GUIDE AND HELP HIM OUT?

I'M FULLY AWARE OF THAT,

BUT AT LEAST I WON'T END UP "DYING WITH A BLANK FACE" WHEN I'M THERE.

I wonder what's Central's latest fashion~

C'mon, let's go

HE'LL BE ABLE TO READ THE FACES OF EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER.

I WANT TO GET AN IDEA OF THE NUMBER OF MEN THAT ARE ON ARCH-BISHOP'S SIDE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

IS IT REALLY OKAY TO TRUST HIM WITH CONTACTING THE TEN MEN COMMITTEE?

IN FACT I WOULD BE SCORNED BY THAT PERSON IF I DO PICK A SIDE.

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

NEITHER.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

PLEASE INVESTIGATE THE FINANCIAL ASSETS..

SPECIFICALLY, THE SIZE OF TRANSFERABLE ASSETS IN EACH "UNION" BRANCH

AND THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF "UNION" MERCHANT MEMBERS.

WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT STORM,

WHETHER OR NOT ANOTHER HOLY CRUSADE GETS FORMED.

GOT IT.

HOW-EVER...

I WONDER WHO THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE CURRENT SITLATION IS...

TAKE THAT, WINTER NATION'S INSOLENT BRAT!

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SCREW THE AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION.

SCREW THE PRODUCTIVITY.

THERE'S NO WAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALLOW SUCH METHODS!

SCREW THE ICE BRIDGE.

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE...

SHIT...

THIS EYE... STINGS...

RATS..

DARK-NESS..

SIR GLORIOUS COMMANDER OF THE HOLY CRUSADERS?

YEAH.

HELL IS THE ONLY SUITABLE PLACE FOR THOSE BASTARDS...

GIVE ME THE ARMY! BRING ME MY ARMS AND LEGS!

I'LL SLASH,

SLASH,

AND SLASH THEM ALL TO DEATH!!

I'M THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU FROM DEATH WHEN YOU WERE IN THAT DUNGEON.

DON'T YOU FORGET THAT.

I AM GRATEFUL.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF ALL YOUR FOES.

SO THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT..

I CAN JUST SEE THOSE FOOLS RUNNING AROUND ANXIOUSLY.

I HAVE TO LET THAT BRAT TASTE A THOUSAND TIMES THE INSULT I RECEIVED FROM HIM.

BE PATIENT FOR NOW.

WE CAN KILL THEM ANYTIME WE WANT.

WILL TEAR UP

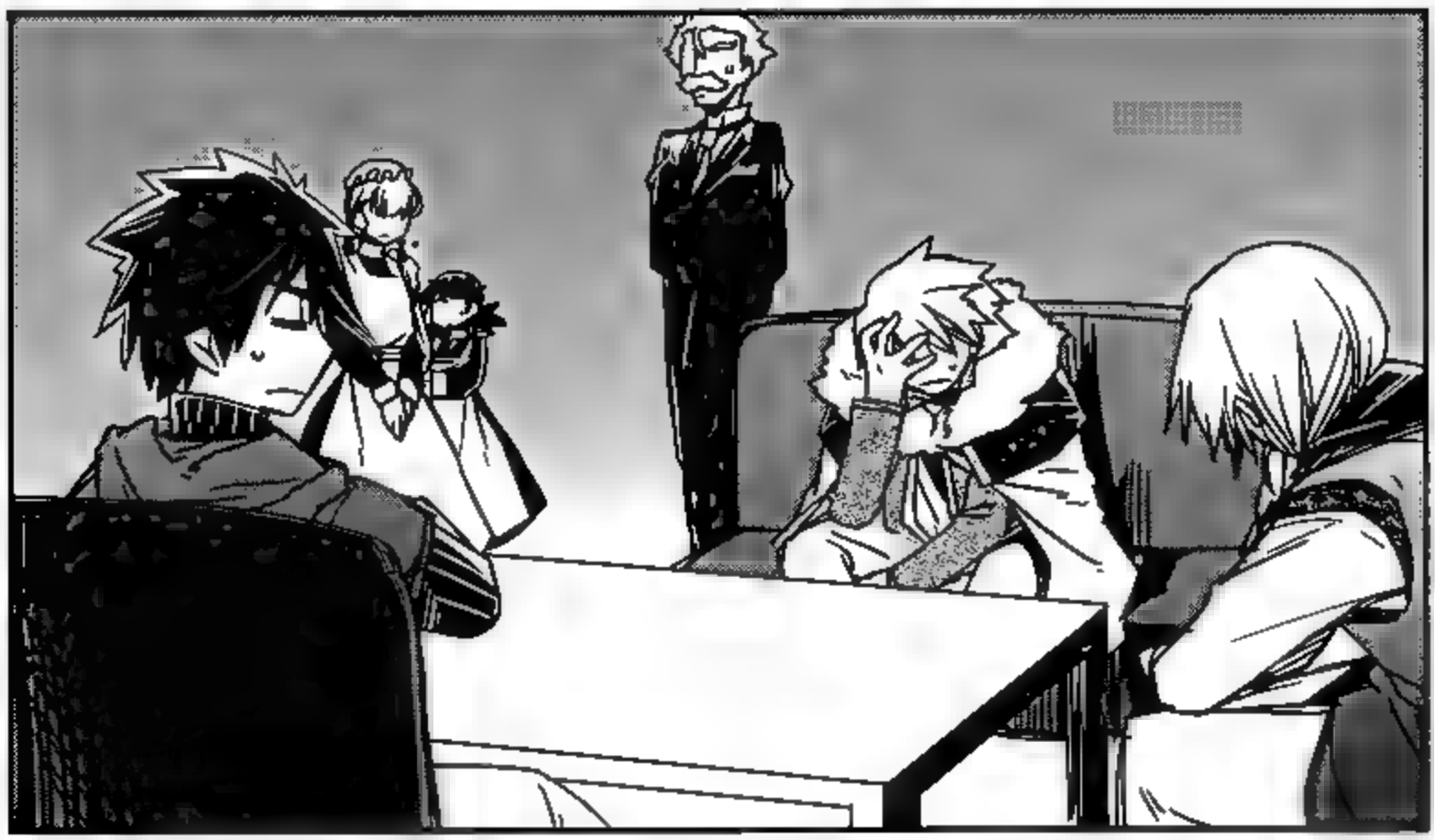
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ALL YOUR TREASURES AND YOUR COUNTRY!










YEAH,
SHE WON'T BE BACK FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS.
BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUM-STANCES, I RAN DOWN HERE IMMEDIATELY...
BUT FOR SCHOLAR TO BE ABSENT...

THAT CENTRAL CHURCH ORDER... WHAT DO THEY THINK THE HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT IS?

THEY'RE JUST USING IT AS AN EXCUSE!

WE WERE HOPING TO BORROW HER WISDOM...

But if she's not present...

GEEZER,

I'LL CUT YOU IN HALF IF YOU SAY ANYMORE THAN THAT.

BUT FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, YOU SEEM TO HAVE THE RING OF ILLUSION.

IF YOU USE THAT...

BUT IF I DON'T SAY IT, WHO WILL?

I KNOW.

I'LL TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT MATTER.

BUT I HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS NATION...

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY

INNOCENT SCHOLAR GOT INVOLVED IN THIS DEBACLE DUE TO MY INCOMPETENCE...

YES.

SORRY,

IT'LL BE A BIT TROUBLESOME, BUT CAN YOU GET ARRESTED, BIG-SIS MAID?

MERE CONVOY ESCORTS AREN'T EVEN A CHALLENGE FOR ME.

ONCE YOU'RE OUT OF WINTER NATION, THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH THEM.

AFTER THAT,

I'LL RESCUE YOU ONCE THEY LEAVE WINTER NATION AND GET TO A VULNERABLE LOCATION.

YUP.

I'LL HAVE TO GO INTO HIDING AGAIN, BUT...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

HERO WILL HAVE TO...

BUT THEN...

THIS TIME, THE TWO SISTERS ARE COMING. SCHOLAR WILL BE BACK LATER AS WELL.

There's Head Maid too~

I'M SO SORRY

THIS OLD MAN IS MAKING HERO ISOLATE HIMSELF AGAIN...

UGH...!

BOTH THE NEW FARMING METHODS AND THE POTATOS ARE BANNED FOR HERESY.

IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN HARDER THAN BEFORE.

What's gonna happen if the Head Instructor disappears!?

THEN WHO'S GONNA INSTRUCT THE FARMERS?

I'M GOING WITH YOU, HERO!

LAKE SHORE ORDER CAN TAKE CARE OF THA—

BIG-SIS...

IF ONLY THIS CAN BE SOLVED BY MYSELF...

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE HERO

THEM AGAIN!

ARE WE GONNA BE LEAVING THIS VILLAGE?

DO I HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO EVERYONE?

HERO,

WITH YOUR POWER, EVEN HOLY KINGSLAND'S ARMY SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM...

UNFORTUNATELY, MY OWNER WON'T ALLOW SUCH A THING.

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BESIDES, I'M TIRED OF IT.

I'M TIRED OF FIGHTING TO TAKE OVER SOMETHING.

...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M GONNA LET THEM TAKE YOU AWAY.

IT'LL BE FINE. TRAVELING IS FUN TOO, YOU KNOW?

YOU GET TO EAT ALL THE GOOD STUFF AROUND THE WORLD.

Wow

SO DON'T WORRY AND GO TO SLEEP.

But villagers.

YEAH,

I'LL PROTECT BIG-SIS NO MATTER WHAT.

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.

HMM

GOOD NIGHT~

NOTH-ING.

I WAS JUST THINK-ING THAT YOU ARE KIND.

WHAT?

YEAH.

I KNOW THAT VERY WELL.

I'm the Hero in the first place.

I save almost anyone who's in trouble you know?

WELL, WELL...

YOU SEE,

...HERO, WILL YOU SAVE ME EVEN WHEN I'M IN TROUBLE?

WHAT? YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF ME EVEN IF YOU TRY FLATTERY.

I'M NOT REALLY FLATTERING YOU...

OF COURSE!

I beg you... Please learn to read the atmosphere...

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HUH?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AREN'T YOU DEMON QUEEN'S?

YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?

OH REALLY?

I'LL ACCEPT ANYTHING IF IT'S FROM YOU.

BUT I DON'T LIKE BEING ONE-SIDED.

I WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING TO HERO TOO.

I can't keep on getting saved.







I AM...

A SERVANT OF LIGHT WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED LIFE IN LAKE NATION BY THE DIVINE GRAVE OF HOLY SPIRIT.

I OFFER THIS SWORD AND MYSELF, FEMALE KNIGHT, TO HERO.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION?!

IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE WE'RE IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION.

WAIT A MINUTE, FEMALE KNIGHT...!

I WON'T WAIT.

THIS SWORD IS HERO'S.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE DEMON QUEEN'S POSSESSION.

THAT CAN'T BE HELPED.

...I WAS TOO LATE.

THAT'S WHY I WON'T SEEK TO HAVE YOU...

BUT I WANT TO AT LEAST GIVE MYSELF TO HERO.

NO MATTER HOW FAR APART, HERO IS DEMON QUEEN'S, AND DEMON QUEEN IS HERO'S.

I WANT SUCH AN EVER-LASTING BOND TOO.

IF YOU GUYS ARE AIMING FOR THE FUTURE, I WANT MY PLACE TO BE SOMEWHERE NEAR AS WELL.

I...

DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT BEHIND ANYMORE.













I feel so happy dappy~!

YES!

IT'S GIVING ME A STRANGE FEELING OF ACCOMPLISH-MENT!

NOW MY SWORD IS HERO'S.

I HAVE GIVEN BOTH MY BODY AND HEART TO HERO.

SINCE IT'S BEEN GIVEN, THERE'S NO REFUND, OKAY?!

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT ...

LMM...

YEAH...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT DEMON QUEEN.

WE BECAME BEST FRIENDS.

She would understand if I talk to her directly

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Although that's how it actually turned out.

THE VILLAGERS MIGHT'VE THOUGHT OUR COACH CAME HERE TO TAKE SCHOLAR AWAY.

THEY MUST'VE HEARD ABOUT SCHOLAR.

THERE ARE SO MANY VILLAGERS...

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DON'T WORRY

I'M BE IN SCHOLAR-SAMA'S FORM UNTIL WE'RE IN THE COACH.

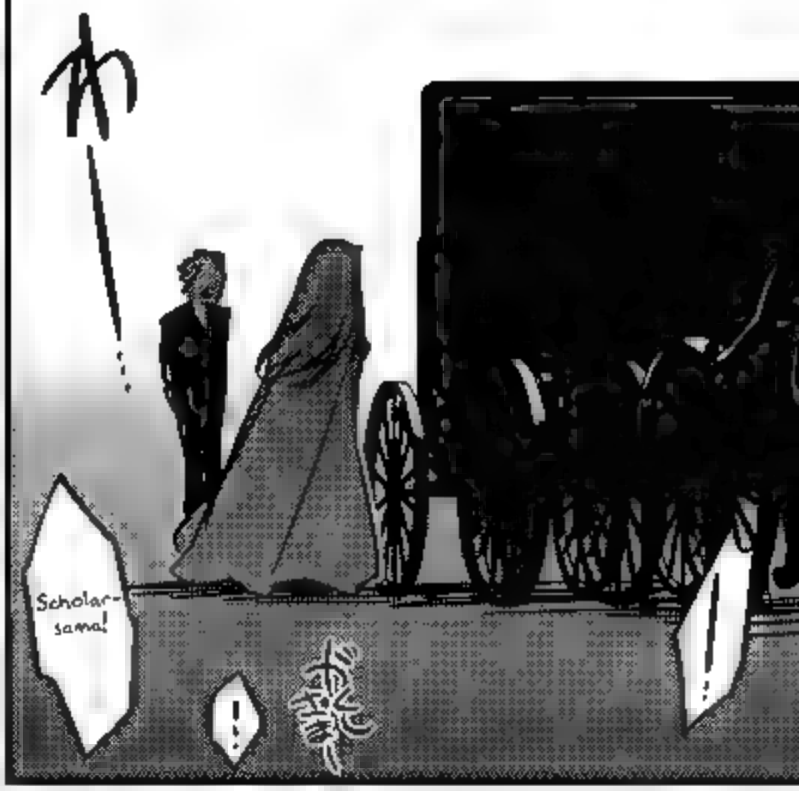
UNTIL WE HAND SCHOLAR OVER TO THE INQUISITOR, WE HAVE TO PUT SCHOLAR IN OUR CUSTODY.

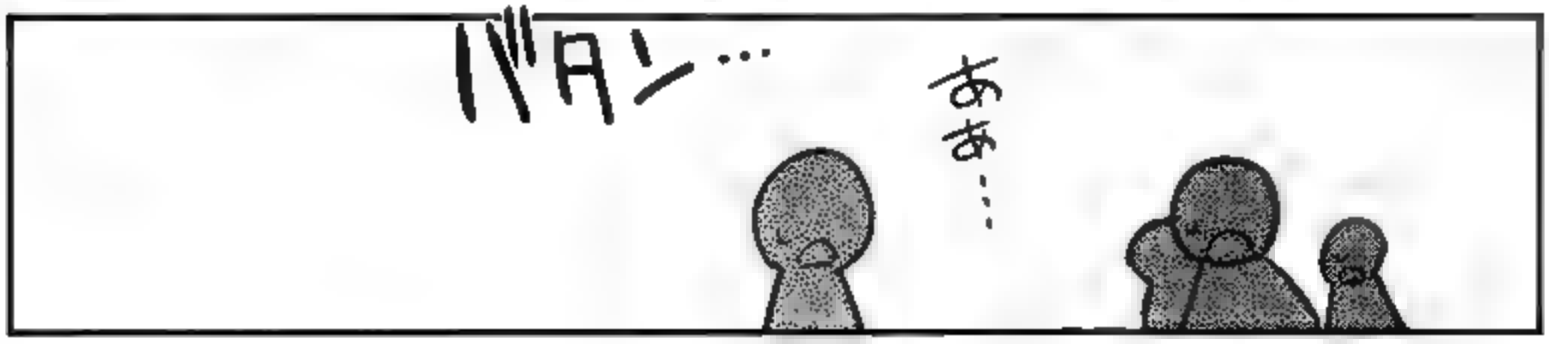
I'M SORRY...

THEY SAID THE POTATO IS THE DEVIL'S FOOD.

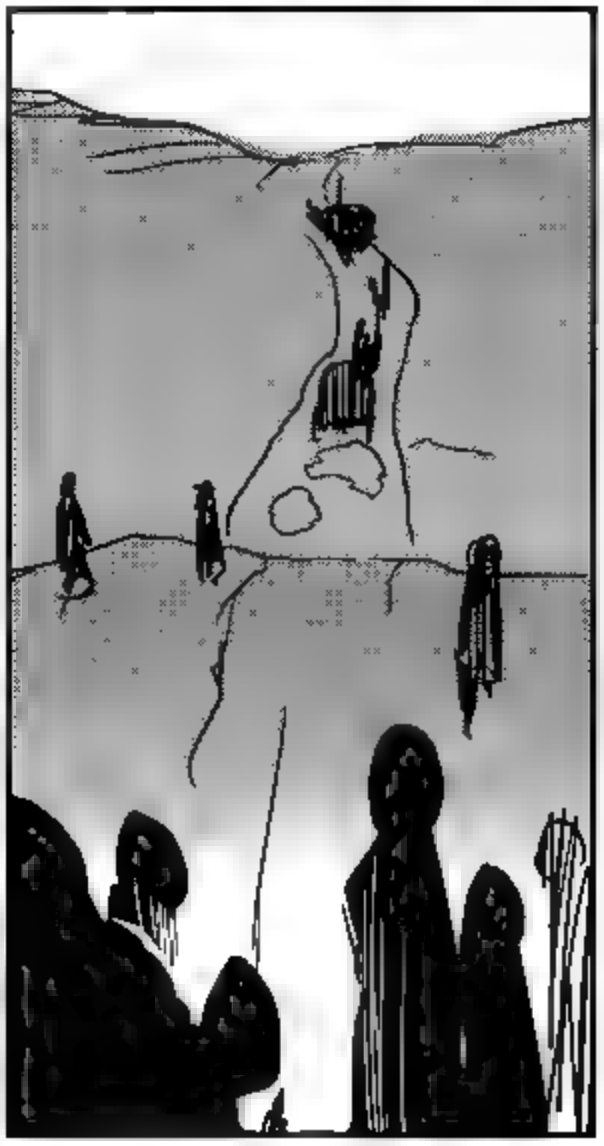
THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSE TO EAT WITHOUT POTATOES?




Scholar-sama!


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WHAT IN THE WORLD'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW...?



I DIDN'T KNOW DEMON QUEEN WAS LIKED THAT MUCH.

YEAH...

THAT WAS QUITE AN AMAZING CROWD.

WHEN MY SISTER AND I WALKED THE VILLAGE ROADS...

FOR REAL?!

Amazing!

AMONGST SETTLERS AND SERFS, THERE ARE SOME WHO BELIEVE SHE'S A REAL GODDESS, YOU KNOW?

How's that the issue?

If only I had a bit more boobs...

EVERYONE GREETED US WITH A BIG SMILE.

THEY SAID THAT "WE MANAGED TO HARVEST THIS MUCH POTATO IN SPRING"... THAT "WHEAT IS GROWING WELL THIS FALL."

AND THEY GAVE US EGGS AND BERRIES.

THERE WASN'T A SINGLE DAY IN THAT MANSION WHEN THE THINGS WE RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGERS DID NOT SHOW UP ON OUR DINNER TABLE.

THEY WERE ALL REALLY NICE PEOPLE, AND THEY GAVE SO MUCH LOVE TO THE TWO OF US.

TELLING US TO BE LANDLADY'S STRENGTH...

THANKING US FOR THE POTATO.

THEY EVEN ALLOWED US TO FEEL THE TINY HANDS OF A NEW-BORN BABY AND SAID IT WILL HELP HER BECOME KIND AND WISE.

THEY SAID THAT TO A TO ME, A MERE SERF, YOU KNOW?

THEY TOLD ME I'M A GREAT PERSON WHO WORKED FOR LANDLADY.

IT'S SO HEARTBREAK-ING TO SAY FAREWELL...

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU TAKE ON SUCH A DIFFICULT ROLE.

I'LL SAVE YOU IN NO TIME, OKAY?

YEAH...

I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE GREAT ENCOUNTERS AT YOUR NEXT HOME AS WELL.

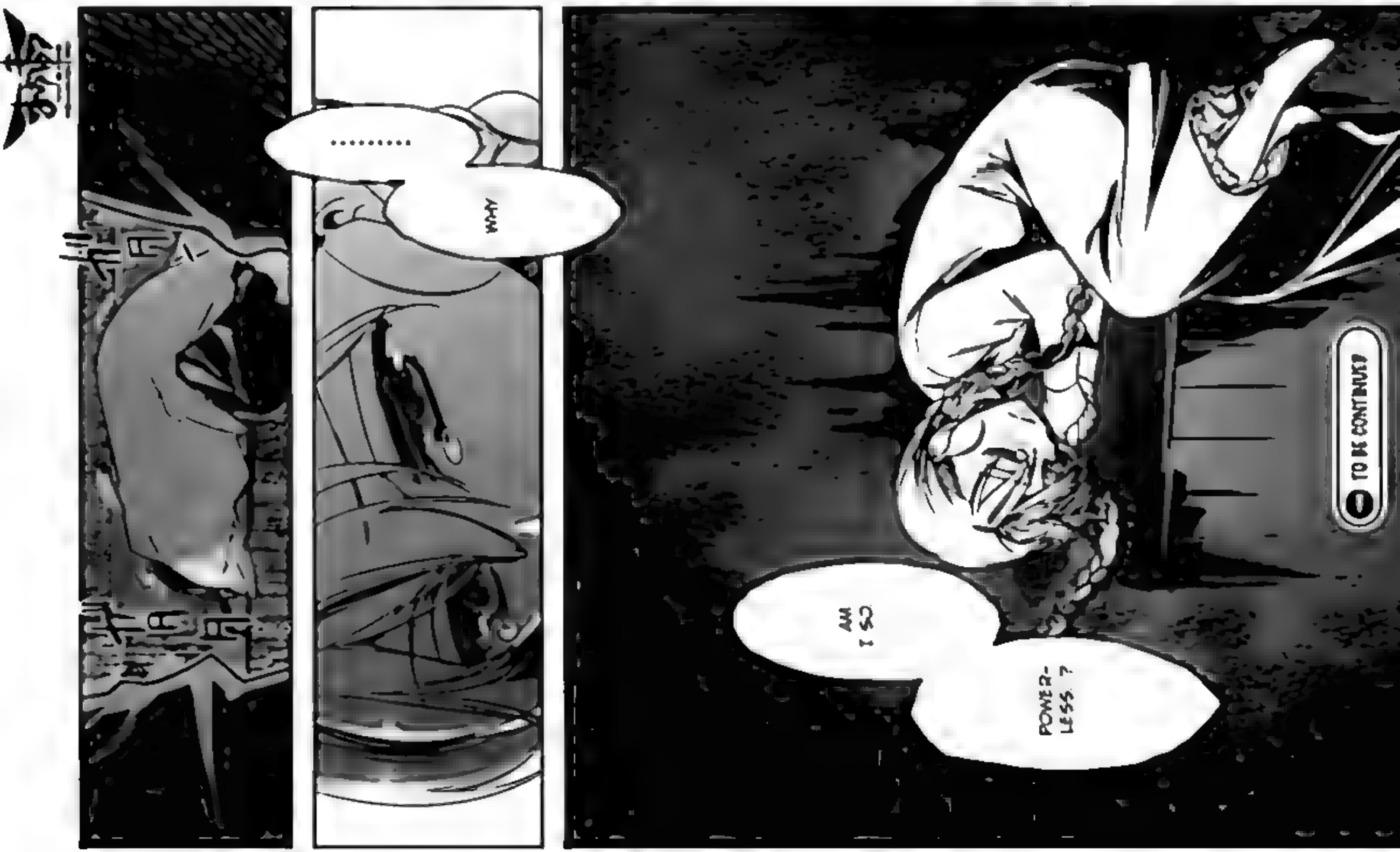
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WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'LL TAKE A WHILE TO GET TO THE CAPITAL.

ALTHOUGH IT'S RATTLING A BIT, YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP.

INSIDE THE COACH THAT HEADS TOWARDS THE CAPITAL, BIG-SIS MAID REALIZES THAT SHE IS POWERLESS. WILL THOSE TEARS TURN TO RESOLUTION...?





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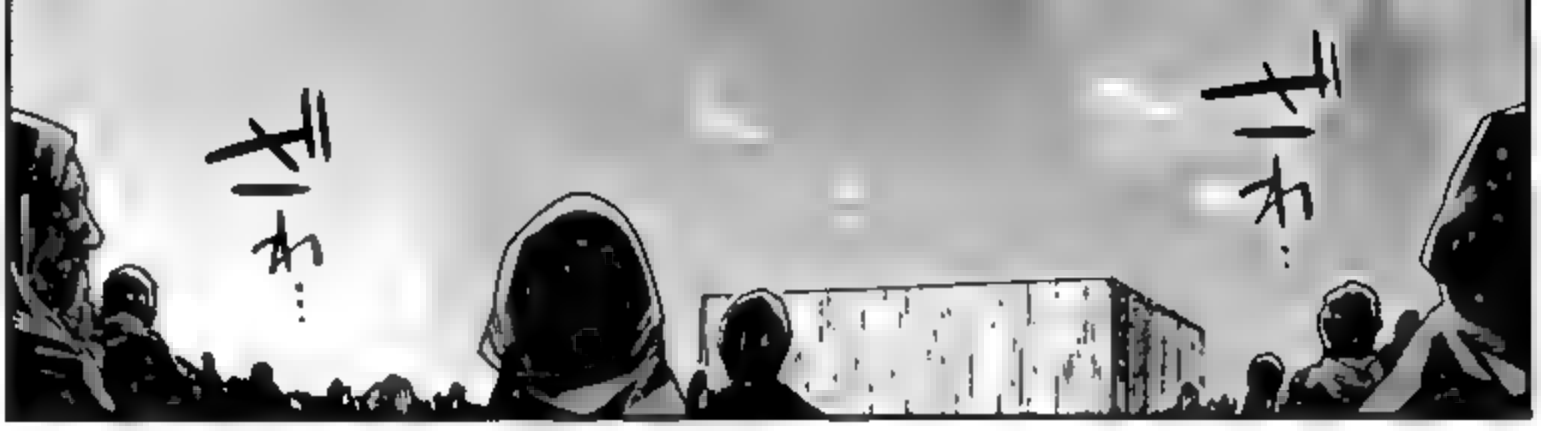
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SO THAT'S THE EMISSARY..


EVEN PEOPLE FROM NEARBY VILLAGES CAME.
We better increase the security.
THERE'S QUITE A CROWD FORMING...

I'M ALSO FORCED TO ATTEND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF LAKE SHORE ORDER.
It's frustrating.
YEAH...
THEY'RE PLANNING TO MAKE THIS AN EXAMPLE.
YOU'RE HANDING HER OVER THERE? IN FRONT OF THE CROWD?


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LET'S GO.

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—「この我のものとなれ、勇者よ」「断る！」—

CHAPTER 14

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THE KING IS HERE!

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AH!

IT'S THE KING!

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SCHOLAR-SAMA... A HERETIC?

THAT CAN'T BE TRUE.

Female Knight-sama is here too...

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DEAR EMISSARY, IT MUST HAVE BEEN A LOT OF TROUBLE TRAVELING ALL THE WAY FROM HOLY KINGSLAND.

I AM LONE WINTER KING OF WINTER NATION.

DO YOU HAVE THE SUSPECT?

ENOUGH TALKING.

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THERE'S NO WAY SCHOLAR-SAMA CAN BE A HERETIC!

O HOLY SPIRIT, HAVE MERCY!

SHE EVEN CHECKED ON OUR PIGS!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

SHE TAUGHT MY KID ABOUT FARMING, YOU KNOW?

THAT'S DEFINITELY SCHOLAR-SAMA.

HMM.

YEAH.

IT SEEMS LIKE THAT IS INDEED CRIMSON SCHOLAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOP-ERATION.

HOW IS IT?

SO THIS IS THE ONE

WHAT'S WITH YOUR ATTITUDE?!

DON'T YOU KNOW YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE PUNISHED?!

WE'LL SHOW THESE PEOPLE THE FATE OF A HERETIC!

HOLD HER DOWN!

PUT ON THE SHACKLES!

HOW DEFIANT...

THOSE ARE THE EYES OF A TRUE HERETIC.

LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE ENOUGH BEATINGS!

A HAND TO THIS LOWLY HERETIC,

WE NEED TO UNITE OURSELVES TO FACE THE THREAT OF DEMONS.

FOR SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS, NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM STRAINING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CENTRAL.

I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH.

MOM, WHY IS SHE GETTING BEATEN?

DID SHE DO SOMETHING BAD?

SO MUCH BLOOD

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IT CAN'T BE TRUE!

UGH..!

I WON'T LET YOU DO ANY MORE THAN THAT!

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONFESS?

YOU ARE, AFTER ALL, A DEVIL'S SERVANT FOR GOING AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT!

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...IT'S A SOUL, THERE IS SOMETHING
I HAVE TO CONFESS TO EVERYONE.

BORN A SERF.

I WAS...

SHE'S A SERF JUST LIKE US?!

REALLY?!

SHE WAS?!

EVEN YOUR VERY LIFE WASN'T YOURS.

AND NEITHER WERE THE EARTH'S BLESSINGS.

THE LAND YOU PLOWED WITH BLOODIED HANDS WASN'T YOURS,

LIFE AS A SERF WAS VERY TOUGH...

I WAS BORN THIRD AMONGST SEVEN SIBLINGS.

HOWEVER, THE ONLY ONES WHO SURVIVED WERE JUST MY SISTER AND I.

I COULDN'T HELP MY SIBLINGS, WHO FELL ONE BY ONE DUE TO WOUNDS... DUE TO DISEASES... AND DUE TO HUNGER.

ONE DAY, WE RUNAWAY SISTERS CAME UPON A TURNING POINT.

IT WAS THE LIGHT OF DESTINY.

I'VE BEEN WORRIED FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THIS FATE THAT WAS WARM AND GENTLE TO ME,

TELLING ME

TO RELAX. .

TELLING ME EVERY-THING WILL BE

TAKEN CARE OF

I'VE NEVER HEARD SUCH KIND WORDS IN MY LIFE.

HOWEVER...

AND DEAR FELLOW SERFS...

DEAR SETTLERS,

DEAR SOLDIERS,

DEAR NOBLES,

EVEN THOUGH I OWE SO MUCH...

EVEN THOUGH THOSE HANDS WERE SO KIND TO ME...

I HAVE TO REFUSE THOSE THINGS.

I HAVE TO
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SINCE
THEY WERE

SO, SO
KIND TO ME.

BECAUSE

BECAUSE...

I AM A "HUMAN"!

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SELF-CONFI-DENCE YET

THERE'S STILL A PART OF ME THAT SMIRKS,

THINKING ABOUT THE LOWLY SERF BLOOD FLOW-ING THROUGH MY BODY.

AND DECLARE
THAT I'M "HUMAN",

BUT...

EVEN IF
THAT'S THE

ASSERTING SUCH

OF BEING
A "HUMAN".


WISHING,
YEARNING,
THINKING,
AND WORKING... THESE ARE THE THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER STOP DOING.
ALL OF THAT IS PROOF THAT EVERYONE ARE THE BELOVED CHILDREN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND A GENUINE HUMAN.
HAVE YOU EVER FELT WARMTH DEEP WITHIN YOUR HEART?
HAVE YOU EVER FELT HAPPINESS FROM AN OVERWHELMING KINDNESS?
IT'S JUST LIKE HOW YOU CAN FEEL THE BLESSING OF THE SUMMER SUN.
EVEN WHEN YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES,

USING THE EARTH'S BLESSING, HE PROVIDED US ALL THESE FORTUNES.

THE HOLY SPIRIT TOOK HIS MIRACLE AND GRANTED LIFE TO US HUMANS.

WITH THE FRAGMENTS OF THE SOUL, HE GAVE FREEDOM TO ALL OF US.

FREE-DOM?

DID SHE SAY FREE-DOM?

HOW DARE A LOWLY SERF LIKE YOU TALK ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH YOUR FOUL MOUTH!

YOU HERE-TIC!

SHA-!!

AS A HUMAN, AS ONE WHO RECEIVED THE BLESSINGS OF THE EARTH,

I WAS TALKING TO MY FELLOW FRIENDS.

WHETHER I'M A HERETIC OR A SERF IS NOT A PROBLEM.

UH!

ARE YOU SAYING EVEN US SERFS... HAVE FREEDOM?!

DO WE.. REALLY HAVE SUCH A THING?

FREE-DOM?

WHAT'S FREEDOM?

THE FR[illegible] TO BECOME A [illegible] PE[illegible]


THE HOLY SPIRIT DIDN'T MAKE HUMANS PERFECT TO BEGIN WITH.
RATHER, HE BESTOWED UPON US THE FREEDOM TO IMPROVE OURSELVES BIT BY BIT, DAY BY DAY.
THIS FREEDOM
IS WHAT TRUE HAPPINESS IS.


THAT NEITHER A KING NOR THE CHURCH CAN TAKE AWAY FROM YOU!
PRECIOUS TREASURE
IS EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S
SO PLEASE DON'T ABANDON YOUR HAPPINESS.
THE GIFT HOLY SPIRIT HAS GIVEN US,
THE FREEDOM WITHIN EVERYONE'S HEART,

YOU HERETIC!

I AM A "HUMAN".

I WON'T.

I WON'T GO BACK TO BEING A MERE "BUG"!

I WON'T ABANDON THIS TREASURE ANYMORE

I WON'T GO BACK TO THAT HORRIBLE DARKNESS.

EVEN IF KEEPING THIS TREASURE BRINGS HARDSHIPS AND PAINS,

FROM THE KINDNESS I RECEIVED!

HEY!

STONE THIS DAMN WHORE!

TCH!

EVERY-ONE!

STONE THIS SINNER AND SHUT HER MOUTH!

ANYONE WHO DOESN'T WILL BE CONSIDERED A HERTIC AS WELL!

IF YOU WANT TO THROW THEM, JUST DO IT.

But

Should we throw ?

I WON'T QUESTION YOUR DECISION.

RATHER, I WILL RESPECT IT AS A FELLOW HUMAN.

THERE WILL BE A TIME WHEN STONING SOMEONE

WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

IF THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE SAVED BY YOUR ACTIONS, THEN YOU SHOULD DO IT.

FREEDOM OF DECISION, AFTER ALL, IS WITHIN HUMAN HANDS.

I WILL GLADLY SHED AN AMOUNT OF BLOOD EQUIVALENT

TO THE PAIN SUCH A DECISION WILL CAUSE YOU.

BUT IF YOU'RE THROWING STONES

SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU WERE TOLD BY SOMEONE ELSE,

YOU'RE JUST A BUG!

A BUG THAT CEASED TO THINK AND RENOUNCED THE PRECIOUS GIFT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SOMEONE ELSE.

NO MATTER HOW COMFORTABLE THAT PATH IS, ANYONE WHO ABANDONS THEIR TREASURES TURN INTO MERE BUGS.


I WON'T BECOME A BUG
BECAUSE I'M A "HUMAN"!
STONE HER!
SHOW HER HOW FOOLISH SHE IS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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THESE MINDLESS BARBARIANS...

YOU ARE ALL HERETICS!

STOP!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO THROW AT THAT DAMN WOMAN, NOT ME!

OFF WITH HER HEAD! QUICKLY!

HER HERESY IS CLEAR!

HEAD MAID-SAMA

I WAS NEVER ABLE TO SAY IT,

I'M SORRY

SCHOOLAR-SAMA!

BUT WILL YOU FORGIVE ME IF I CALL YOU... "TEACHER"?

EVEN THOUGH HERO-SAMA TOLD ME TO LEAVE IT UP TO HIM...

I COULDN'T.

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IT'S THE KING!!

LONE WINTER KING!

LONE WINTER KING!!

WHAT...

WHAT THE HELL

ARE YOU TWO DOING?!

PRIN-CESS COM-MAND-ER!!

CAN YOU STAND?

BUT BEFORE THAT, I AM ALSO A "HUMAN"

I AM THIS NATION'S KING.

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE EVEN MY HEART HAD TURNED INTO A BUG WITHOUT ME REALIZING IT.

I'VE BEEN LIVING AS THE PRINCE OF A COUNTRY THAT'S BEEN A MERE PUPPET OF CENTRAL.

I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD ALL ITS PAIN, SORROW, AND DISGUST...

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FOR SUCH PRIDE TO HAVE GROWN INSIDE THE HEARTS OF MY CITIZENS!

NOT TO MEN-TION...

TO BE AWAKENED BY A GIRL LIKE HER...

I'M EMBAR-RASSED BY MY IGNO-RANCE.

WHAT...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

HE'S EVEN GIVEN HUMANS THE FREEDOM TO COMMIT EVIL.

THE HOLY SPIRIT TOLD US,

"YOU NEED TO GOVERN YOUR SINS".

LAKE SHORE ORDER WILL RECOGNIZE CRIMSON SCHOLAR AS A SAINT.

WINTER NATION WILL PROVIDE CRIMSON SCHOLAR PROTECTION.

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SHE'S A SAINT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

THE PERSON FROM LAKE SHORE ORDER SAID IT! SHE'S A SAINT!

THE KING PROTECTED SCHOLAR-SAMA!

OUR SCHOLAR-SAMA IS A SAINT!

I KNEW SCHOLAR-SAMA WASN'T A HERETIC!

LEAVE!

GET OUT!

GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY, EMISSARY!

UGH ...

STOP

I REQUEST THAT YOU RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY, DEAR EMISSARY.

THIS IS PROBABLY A PART OF THE CHURCH'S PLAN AS WELL,

BUT LET'S MEET IN A DIFFERENT SETTING NEXT TIME.

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DON'T YOU DARE THINK YOU CAN STILL EXIST ON THIS EARTH AFTER TURNING AGAINST THE CENTRAL CHURCH ORDER!!

I'LL REMEMBER THIS!

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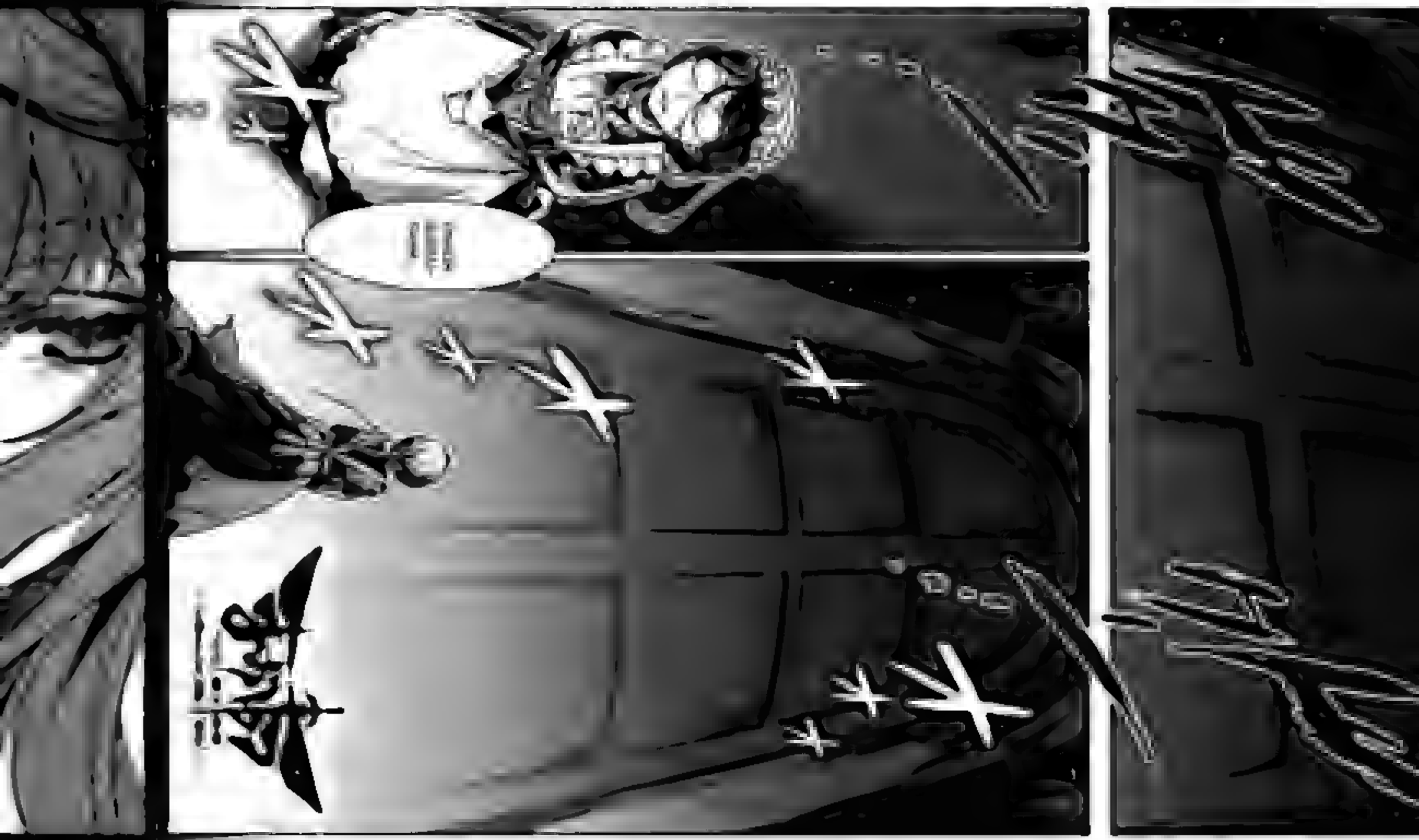
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THE TEMPLE OF THE DEAD LIES IN THE DARKEST DEPTHS OF DEMON LORDS CASTLE. THERE, DEMON QUEEN SU...



CHAPTER 15
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THE SOULS OF FIRST DEMON LORDS ARE SEALED INSIDE THE TEMPLE OF THE DEAD.

DEMON LORDS GAIN POWER BY ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE FROM THESE SOULS.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, YOUR OWN SOUL BECOMES CORRUPTED.

KILL THEM

KILL THEM ALL.

DESTROY MANKIND.

BRING EVERY WORLD INTO DEMON HANDS.

AHH!

AHH!

IF THE ONE THAT COMES OUT

NO LONGER RESEMBLES ME, THEN...

I UNDER-STAND.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT "DEMON LORD",

EVEN IF IT TAKES MY LIFE TO DO IT.


WE HAVE THAT KIND OF CONTRACT...
UNFORTU-NATELY FOR YOU,
PILLAGE!
ACCEPT THE POWER OF DEMON LORDS IN THAT
AND BREATHS THAT CAN ENGULF THE LAND IN FLAMES.

HERO'S BLACK HAIR...

IS FLUFFY, YOU KNOW?

AND JUST LIKE THE SUN, IT'S VERY, VERY WARM.

AHH~

GEEZ...

HOW IN THE WORLD DID THIS HAPPEN?

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NO, NO, IT'S FINE, BIG-SIS MAID.

IN FACT, YOU DID A SPLENDID JOB TAKING CARE OF THAT!

I'M SO SORRY!

IT WAS ALL BECAUSE I DIDN'T FOLLOW THE PLAN AND WENT OFF DOING MY OWN THING!

WHAT I'M COMPLAINING ABOUT IS...

THIS IS GREAT!

IT MAKES MY DRINK TASTE EVEN BETTER!

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Ehehe...

IT'S BACON AND ROASTED POTATO SPRINKLED WITH CHEESE!

OH MY, THIS IS REALLY GOOD...

WHAT IS THIS?

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WHAT'S WRONG, HERO? IS SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?

DON'T WORRY, I'M HERE TO SAVE THE DAY!

WHY THE HELL DID THIS TURN INTO A DRINKING PARTY?!

And why do we have even more royalties?!

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MY APOLO-GIES..

WE WERE ALSO CALLED FOR SCHOLAR'S CAPTURE.

THEY MUST'VE WANTED TO MAKE IT A WARNING.

MY MY, THIS ISN'T MUCH.

IT'S BARELY ENOUGH TO BE CONSIDERED A GREETING IN SOUTHERN UNITED KING-DOMS.

HEROO~

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THIS ONE'S COMPLETELY DRUNK..

EHEHE~ HE~

YUP!

YOU GOT EVEN BETTER.

THIS IS PRETTY GOOD!

DO YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND YOUR CURRENT SITUATION?

You ended up picking a fight with both Centra and the Church.

IT'S VODKA FROM IRON NATION.

IT'LL WARM YOU UP

DO YOU WANT A GLASS TOO, HERO?

!!?

THAT'S RIGHT.

YUP... HOWEVER,

THIS IS NO LONGER A MATTER OF HERESY

IN OTHER WORDS, THE REAL PROBLEM WAS

"WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD DECLARE INDEPENDENCE FROM CENTRAL."

CENTRAL'S AIM MUST'VE BEEN TO USE "HERESY" AS A TOOL TO WEAKEN OUR BONDS.

THAT SPEECH AWAKENED OUR PEOPLE'S VIEW OF FREEDOM.

AS A RESULT,

HOWEVER, THANKS TO BIG-SIS MAID'S SPEECH, OUR DIRECTION COMPLETELY CHANGED.

THE PROBLEM HAS TURNED TO "HOW THE COUNTRY SHOULD ACT IN RESPONSE TO PEOPLE SEEKING INDEPENDENCE."

IT WAS SO MOVING!

IT WAS QUITE A SPECTACLE!

Haha!

I'M SO SORRY!

Hohoho...

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NO ONE CAN STOP IT...

THE IMPACT OF THAT SPEECH WAS DEFINITELY NOT SMALL.

LIKE A WILDFIRE, IT'LL KEEP ON BURNING STRONGER AS IT SPREADS.

AGREED.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WALK ALONGSIDE OUR PEOPLE.

AND THAT MEANS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP IT EITHER.

HMM... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU CHOOSE, THEN THAT'S THAT

NOW, WE NEED TO PLAN OUR NEXT COURSE OF ACTION.

A general strategy, policy, hanger, plan of attacks.

HERO!

OH!

DO YOU HAVE A GOOD PLAN?

I'LL PROTECT HERO'S PURITY!

...ANYWAY. OUR VERY FIRST ACTION WILL BE

THE "SERF LIBERATION POLICY".

THAT WAS A SURPRISINGLY GOOD SUGGESTION!

HOW SHOULD WE COUNTER CENTRAL'S REACTION?

IT WILL BE GREAT IF WE CAN AVOID A WAR...

THANKS TO THE POTATO, WE WERE ABLE TO DOUBLE OUR WORKFORCE.

I BELIEVE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CHANGE OUR POLICIES WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY IF THEY ARE IMPLEMENTED NOW.

NOW'S MY TURN TO TALK!

HMM...

OHH. I'LL LEAVE THOSE ROUGH MATTERS TO THE MEN~

One more please~♡

I'VE BEEN SAVING UP MONEY

FOR TIMES LIKE THIS!

Ohh!

FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD SUCH WISE WORDS!

FIRST, THE THREE NATION ALLIANCE ARMY WILL FORM A LINE ALONG THE NORTHERN PLAINS.

WE WILL NEED TO ORGANIZE IT SO OUR FOOD PRODUCTION WON'T BE AFFECTED.

WE'LL ALSO HIRE SOME MERCENARIES USING OUR EXCESS FOOD SUPPLY.

WE'LL TAKE THEM DOWN AT OUR FIRST BATTLE.

YEAH YEAH!

WE'LL ENGAGE THE CENTRAL ALLIANCE AT THE NORTHERN PRAIRIE.

BASED ON THE SIZE OF PAST HOLY CRUSADE ARMIES, THEY SHOULD NUMBER AROUND 50000 MEN.

WE'LL USE OUR INVINCIBLE IRON MACHINE TROOPS!

WE'LL FORM ALLIANCES WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS AND KEEP ON WINNING EVERY BATTLE!

SIEGE THEIR CASTLES!

THEN KEEP ADVANCING FORWARD AND TAKE DOWN THEIR DEFENSE!

AND WE'LL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER!

WITH THE POWER OF JUSTICE, THE KINGSLAND WILL FALL IN NO TIME!

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WE'LL INVADE THE HOLY KING-SLAND!

THE ENEMY WILL FIELD A BUNCH OF EXPERIMENTAL WEAPONS AS THEIR LAST-DITCH DEFENSE, BUT...

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SOOO... WHAT ARE WE ACTUALLY GONNA DO?

HMM... THAT'S A DIFFICULT QUESTION.

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE, TEACHER.

OHH~!

LONG TIME NO SEE!

I DON'T THINK CENTRAL WILL LAUNCH AN ARMY THAT SOON.

I SEE, I SEE...

THAT MEANS THEY SHOULD BE CONFRONTING US MORE IN THE FORM OF DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE.

IF CENTRAL AND THE SOUTH WENT TO WAR,

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO COPE WITH A DEMON INVASION ONCE THE TROOPS ARE EXHAUSTED.

CENTRAL'S GOAL IS TO ASSIMILATE SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS, NOT DESTROY IT.

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NO,

THAT WON'T HAPPEN ...

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IS SOMETHING BOTHERING YOU?

NO, NOTHING.

I'M SURE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT...

IF CENTRAL WERE TO JOIN FORCES WITH DEMONS,

THEY CAN GAIN A GREATER DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY FOR THEIR MILITARY AND THEY WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY PRESSURE ON US WITHOUT PAUSE.

NAH! I'M SORRY. I ENDED UP SPEAKING NONSENSE!

I'LL SCOUT OUT THIS MATTERS IN ADVANCE.

ARE YOU GOING OUT?! I'LL GO WITH YOU, HERO!

Sleep.

UMM... WHAT SHOULD I DEAL WITH FIRST?

WHAT WOULD SHE DO UNDER THIS SITUATION?

HOW WOULD SHE APPROACH THIS?

I DON'T GET IT!!

I CAN'T JUST LOOK AT THIS FROM THE SURFACE.

THINK DEEPLY...

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TA-DAA~!

HERE COMES THE PIE!

WHAT'S "ABUNDANT"?

ARE WE FIGHTING FOR... LAND?

TO HAVE ABUNDANT LANDS...

BUT WHY ARE WE FIGHTING?

BY USING THEIR CAPITAL,

PEOPLE ESTABLISH A GREAT FLOW OF BOTH MONEY AND GOODS, WHICH IS WHAT WE CALL "ABUNDANCE".

YOU CAN BECOME "RICH" BY PILING UP MONEY, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE AN "ABUNDANT" AMOUNT OF RESOURCES.

THE FLOW OF GOODS THROUGH BUYING AND SELLING

IS AN "INTERACTION" TO MAKE RESOURCES "ABUNDANT", RIGHT?

THAT WOULD MEAN... UMM...

THERE'S AN "INTERACTION", RIGHT?

WHAT'S THEIR GOAL?

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THEM TRYING TO IMPRISON AND GOVERN THE WORLD?

WHAT IS THE CHURCH AND HOLY KINGSLAND DOING?

BUT OUR WORLD ISN'T BECOMING MORE "ABUNDANT".

IT'S BEING SEALED UP, AFTER ALL.

IS THIS... QUAIL EGG AND MEAT?

IT'S GOT A NICE GOLDEN COLOR!

KNOWLEDGE, POPULARITY, POWER...

DO THEY WANT TO "MONOPOLIZE" ALL THESE?

THAT'S "MONOPOLIZATION OF WEALTH", ISN'T IT?

NO, NOT JUST WEALTH.

DOES CONTROLLING THE WORLD MEAN THE CHURCH CAN BECOME "RICH" IN MONEY?

THIS ONE'S NICE AND SWEET.

Onh!

I HAVE ONE MADE WITH PEAR TOO~♪

THAAAT'S RIGHT~!

THIS IS VERY INTEREST-ING. IT'S GOT A CRUNCHY CRUST...

THIS IS WHAT DEMON QUEEN MEANT WHEN SHE SAID THEIR GOAL IS DIFFERENT FROM US.

AND MAINTAIN THAT FOR ETERNITY...

CREATE A HIERARCHY,

THEY CAN LEECH OFF THE PEOPLE IN A SEALED ENVIRONMENT,

HERO-SAMA?

MUMBLE

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"MON-POLY", "LIFE", "WEALTH"

AND "REALISM"

MONOPOLY MEANS THE WINNER TAKES ALL.

CAN ANY BUILDING BE THE CENTER

A SYMBOL OF CAPITALISTIC PRACTICE

THE VERY TIP OF THE STONE TOWER...

THAT'S NOT "ABUNDANCE"

BUT RATHER, "KEEPING OTHERS POOR"

HERE!

WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT, BIG-BRO HERO~?

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WHICH... ONE...?

SALTY ONE OR SUGARY ONE~?

EITHER IS FINE~!

THEY'RE BOTH GOOD~ ♪

LET'S MAKE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT.

"SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS WILL RECOGNIZE LAKE SHORE ORDER AS THEIR NATIONAL CHURCH".

"WE ARE WORSHIPPERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT"!

SOUNDS GOOD, RIGHT?!

THERE'S NO RULE SAYING YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ONE!

R.ght?!

IT SHOULD BE OKAY TO HAVE TWO!

EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPIER IF THEY HAVE A CHOICE!

You agree right?

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PRINT OUT SOME TEACHINGS OF THE LAKE SHORE ORDER...

AND PUT SCHOLAR'S SPEECH ON THE FRONT COVER SINCE SHE'S THE CHURCH-APPOINTED SAINT!

to be precise, it was Big-Sis Maid but it doesn't matter.

AND LET'S GO EVEN FURTHER THAN THAT!

WE CAN USE THE PRINTING PRESS!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S PRINT OUR AGRICULTURAL TECHNIQUES TOO!

WE CAN MAKE SOMETHING LIKE A TEXTBOOK!

WHY DON'T WE JUST INCLUDE A VOUCHER FOR POTATO SEEDS AS WELL?!

AND WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF ALL THAT?

WE'LL CREATE TWO PEAKS.

LET'S HAVE TWO CHURCHES AS A START.

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I SEE!

SO THAT'S YOUR MOVE!

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A SECOND CHURCH. THIS IS INCREDIBLE.

I WONDER WHO CAME UP WITH IT. WAS IT... *HER*?

NO.

DESPITE HER LOOKS, SHE WOULD NEVER FORGET ABOUT AN INSURANCE.

THIS RECKLESS-NESS MUST BE HERO'S.

I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW SHOCKED THE HIGHER UPS OF THE CHURCH ARE.

INDEED.

They turned red, then blue, then ..

OH

I SEE...

THANKS TO THIS, A FAIR NUMBER OF SERFS IMMIGRATED FROM NEARBY COUNTRIES.

HOW ARE THE AFFAIRS INSIDE "UNION"?

THIS ARTICLE WITH THE LIBERATION OF SERFS AND A POTATO SEEDS VOUCHER

APPEARS TO BE PRINTED BY SOMETHING LIKE A STAMP. IT'S BEEN CIRCULATING IN LARGE NUMBERS.

AS FOR NOBLE YOUNGSTER, HIS SPEECH MANAGED TO HAVE ONE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP FACTION TO CHANGE SIDES,

AND TWO OTHERS TO BECOME NEUTRAL.

HE'S PRETTY GOOD.

Just so you know, I'm also neutral.

ARCH-BISHOP FACTION

THREE NATION FACTION

NEU-TRAL

WITHIN THE TEN-MEN COMMITTEE, THREE ARE ON THE ARCHBISHOP FACTION, TWO ARE ON THE THREE NATION FACTION, AND THE REST ARE NEUTRAL.

THE SITUATION IS NOT FULLY RIPE YET, BUT

IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR US TO MAKE A MOVE TOO

AND HERE'S MY REPORT ON THEIR MONETARY SITUATION.

IT'S GETTING INTERESTING

THIS TENSION IS VERY VALUABLE.

LIBERATION OF SERFS. CONFLAGRATION OF POTATO...

HMM.

TWO CHURCHES CONFLICT BETWEEN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN.

SIR ?

THE PACE HAS BEEN GETTING SLOWER AND SLOWER.

YESTERDAY'S IMMIGRATION NUMBER WAS TEN.

IT'S LIKE TEACHING WORDS TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE LANGUAGE.

BUT...

THE WINTER WILL END SOON REGARDLESS OF OUR PACE.

IT CAN BE A BIT DIFFICULT.

I GUESS THE IDEA OF "FREEDOM" HASN'T BEEN FULLY ACCEPTED YET...

HAVING THEM READ MIGHT BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN WE EXPECTED.

WE DISPATCHED SOME PREACHERS, BUT LAKE SHORE ORDER ITSELF HAS LESS THAN 50 PEOPLE IN TOTAL.

It's impossible to cover the entire continent.

WE NEED TO ACQUIRE AS MANY AS WE CAN.

THE MORE ESTABLISHED SIDE WILL HAVE A BIGGER ADVANTAGE IN THE LONG RUN...

They completely outnumber us right now.

OUR NATION IS THE HOME OF TROUBADOURS.

WHY DON'T WE OFFER THEM MONEY TO SING IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

WRITE THEM ALL INTO LYRICS AND HAVE THEM ECHO AROUND THE WORLD

EVEN IF THEY CAN'T READ,

EVEN IF THEY DON'T CATCH THE MEANINGS RIGHT AWAY,

AS LONG AS

ALL RIGHT!

LET'S GO ASK THEM RIGHT AWAY!

We don't mind paying for their expenses.

IF YOU AREN'T PICKY ABOUT THEIR SKILLS, THERE SHOULD BE AROUND 500 OF THEM.

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!

ROUGHLY HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THERE?

THE IMMIGRANTS CAN THEN SEND THE LETTERS BACK TO US SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK AND PAY THE TROUBADOURS CORRECTLY.

WE CAN AWARD THE TROUBADOURS ONE SILVER COIN FOR EVERY IMMIGRANT THEY ARE ABLE TO BRING TO OUR NATIONS.

LET'S SEE... WE CAN HAVE THE TROUBADOURS SEND OUT LETTERS

INTRODUCING OUR NATIONS TO POTENTIAL IMMIGRANTS.

EXCUSE ME...

IT MEANS TO REWARD HARDWORKING FOLKS.

"INCENTIVE"?

UMM... WHAT'S THIS CALLED? IT?

OH! SCHOLAR CALLS IT "INCENTIVE"!

SOUNDS GOOD!

THAT'S RIGHT.

WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID CONFLICT IF POSSIBLE.

AFTER ALL, WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE DEMONS WILL ATTACK AGAIN.

OUR GOAL THIS TIME ISN'T TO START A WAR, RIGHT?

IF THAT'S THE CASE,

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING THE CHURCH.

HMM?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH WILL PROBABLY CONDEMN PREACHERS OF LAKE SHORE ORDER AND THE TROUBADOURS.

THEY'LL BE LABELED EVIL.

THEY'LL BE CALLED LIARS, DEVIL'S SERVANTS, OR TRAITORS...

AND ALSO FOR THE ARTICLES WE'LL BE PRINTING IN THE FUTURE,

SO, FOR PREACHERS AND TROUBADORS

WE SHOULD TAKE BACK WORDS THAT CRITICIZES THE CHURCH.

IF WE ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, IT WILL TURN INTO A FIGHT.

WE DON'T WANT A FIGHT AMONGST HUMANS, RIGHT?

THAT MAY BE THE CASE,

BUT...

They're twisted!!

IF WE WITHDRAW OUR CRITICISMS, THEY'LL CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US!

SHE'S RIGHT...

UGH!

WE WOULD GAIN NOTHING FROM INVOLVING INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO OUR CONFLICT.

THE MAJORITY OF FOLLOWERS ARE MERELY AVERAGE CITIZENS WHO BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT.

HOLY SPIRIT OF LIGHT IS AN EXALTED BEING.

JUSTICE

DILI-GENCE.

PEACE.

I BELIEVE WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THESE POINTS.

IN FACT, I THINK IT'S OKAY TO PRAISE THEM.

THEN HOW ARE WE GOING TO SOLICIT MORE SETTLERS?

RATHER, WE SHOULD RESPECT THE PEOPLE WHO REMAIN FAITH-FUL TO THEIR BELIEFS.

WE SHOULDN'T REJECT CENTRAL'S HOLY CHURCH.

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"THE RUGGED LANDS OF THE SOUTH AREN'T TAKEN YET."

"THERE MAY BE HARDSHIPS BUT THERE ARE ALSO OPPORTUNITIES."

WE'LL SHOW THEM THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR METHODS.

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GRANTED US OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE OUR OWN FARMLANDS.

AND THE UNITED KINGDOMS IN THE SOUTH ARE SEEKING NEW SETTLERS.

THERE'S NO SERF SYSTEM IN THAT LAND, SO AS LONG AS ONE WORKS HARD,

THERE'S BOUND TO BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOOD TO FILL THE STOMACH

APPEALING TO THEM WITH FOOD AND LAND...

HMM...

YOU'RE RIGHT..

"TAXES ARE FAIRLY LOW TOO" OR SOMETHING SIMILAR.

WOULDN'T THERE BE PEOPLE WHO WILL MOVE JUST BECAUSE OF THAT?

ALL OF *HER* STUDENTS END UP LIKE THIS.

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO PREACH ANOTHER DREAM-LIKE IDEOLOGY,

YOU BROUGHT A PAINFULLY RATIONAL REALITY AS YOUR WEAPON.

Big Sis~!!

MY GLUTTONOUS SISTER MAKES ME THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT EVERYTHING AROUND US SO I CAN LOOK AFTER HER PROPERLY.

LOOKIE LOOK!

IT'S A BRAND NEW PIE!

It's a fish pie~!!

BEING ABLE TO SHINE BRIGHTLY EVEN DURING HARDSHIPS IS ALSO PART OF HUMANITY'S WARMTH...

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WHERE'S SPRING?
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OUR STAR
AND SOUTH
WE GO~


THE POWER
OF MUSIC IS
INCREDIBLE
IT'S THAT
NEW SONG!
IT A DEAD
SPEAK THIS PAD!

WE BETTER MAKE HASTE TO IRON NATION. WE NEED TO GET ON WITH MAKING THE NEW PRINTING PRESS.

AGREED

LET'S PICK IT UP.

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—「この我がものとなれ、勇者よ」「断る！」—

CHAPTER 16
WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PIECE OF GOLD

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BUT SERIOUSLY, THIS PLACE

IS SO SUFFOCATING...

There are only guys in here...

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IRON NATION
WINTER NATION
ICE NATION
THE MAID SISTERS LEFT FOR ICE NATION AND IRON NATION TO COME UP WITH NEW SONGS
AND TO CONSTRUCT A NEW VERSION OF THE PRINTING PRESS.
FEMALE KNIGHT JOINED THE TWO AS THEIR BODYGUARD
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?
BOTH KING IRON FIST AND BLIZZARD QUEEN WENT BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY.
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WHAT A MISERABLE SIGHT
THEREFORE, THIS PLACE IS CURRENTLY A HAVEN OF MEN.

THE NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS COMING IN HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING.

IT'S DEFINITELY THE EFFECTS OF THE TROUBA-DOURS' SONGS.

WE CAN SAFELY SAY THAT ILLITERACY HAS BEEN A CONSIDER-ABLE HINDRANCE.

AND HOW'S THE BORDER BEEN SINCE THEN?

THIEVES, DISPUTES BETWEEN SETTLERS,

AND THERE'S BEEN NO END TO THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE FREE SERFS AND THEIR FORMER MASTERS.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME,

PUBLIC SAFETY HAS TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE AT THE BORDER REGIONS.

ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL TRY TO RECRUIT MORE PEOPLE TO ASSIST THEM.

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT AS SOON AS I CAN.

EVEN THOUGH WE ALLOCATED A PART OF OUR ARMY FOR BORDER PATROL,

WE ARE STILL FALLING SHORT IN MANPOWER.

THERE ISN'T ONE

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A WAY TO RESOLVE ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS IN ONE SWOOP...

Bwaaah!

OUR PROBLEMS KEEP ON PILING UP!

ISN'T THERE A SOLUTION FOR US?

THAT'S TRUE..

OKAY...

THERE WON'T BE A MIRACULOUS SOLUTION FOR THESE ISSUES.

WE JUST HAVE TO BE PATIENT AND TACKLE EACH ONE-BY-ONE.

HOW'S CENTRAL REACTING?

HMM...

THIS BIG PILE OVER HERE.

"APOLOGIZE NOW".

What did they say?

WELL IT'S GOTTEN TO THIS SIZE BECAUSE EVERY SINGLE NATION IN CENTRAL WROTE TO US.

THE CONTENTS ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THOUGH.

STILL, WE CAN TREAT IT AS A SIGN

THAT CENTRAL WILL JUST THREATEN US FOR NOW.

THEY HAVE THEIR OWN POLITICAL REASONS, LIKE STATUS AND REPUTATION, TO CONSIDER.

IT SERVES AS A GOOD VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF HOW MANY COUNTRIES WE ARE UP AGAINST.

THE LETTERS PILED UP JUST BECAUSE OF THAT?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO AVOID A WAR.

phew.

NO,

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

YEAH.

IS THERE SOMETHING TROUBLING YOU?

IT'S POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS

TO BE PLOTTING SOMETHING JUST LIKE US.

WE SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP THAT IN MIND.

IT'D BE GREAT IF NOTHING CHANGES IN CENTRAL...

EIGHT PIECES OF SILVER FOR A BAG OF WHEAT?!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS UP WITH THIS RIDICULOUS PRICE?!

EXCUSE ME.

OH, WELCOME.

HAS IT BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOU CAME TO THE MARKET?

JUST SO YOU KNOW, YOU'LL GET THE SAME PRICE NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO.

IT'S ALMOST TWICE THE REGULAR PRICE.

WHY IS IT PRICED SO HIGH?

I'D LIKE TO BUY SOME WHEAT

HOW MUCH?

EIGHT PIECES OF SILVER PER BAG OF WHEAT.

SIX AND-A-HALF PIECES OF SILVER PER BAG FOR THE LOW QUALITY ONES.

LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THE LOW QUALITY WHEAT

THERE ARE SOME BUGS MIXED IN IT.

YOU'LL GET THE SAME THING WHEREVER YOU GO.

THERE'S A SHORTAGE.

FINE.

GIVE ME 25 BAGS.

ALL RIGHT TRANSACTION COMPLETE.

Hey, deliver them

CRAP!

HEY, GIVE ME THE SAME DEAL!

IT'S *SEVEN* PIECES OF SILVER PER BAG.

WHAT?!

YOU JUST SAID IT'S SIX AND-A-HALF!

LISTEN.

THESE SECOND-RATE BAGS OF WHEAT WERE SELLING FOR SEVEN PIECES OF SILVER LAST WEEK.

WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW THAT'S GOING TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.

SHIT!

FINE!

I'LL BUY IT UP!

WHO KNOWS? I MIGHT MAKE EVEN MORE MONEY IF I KEEP THEM IN STORAGE RATHER THAN SELLING THEM NOW.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

BUT THEN THE PRICES KEPT INFLATING

AS IF IT LOST ITS CHAINS.

NOWADAYS I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW HIGH IT'LL GO.

I HEARD THIS YEAR'S WHEAT HARVEST WASN'T THAT GREAT,

BUT HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?

WE THOUGHT OF THE SAME THING BEFORE.

WHO KNOWS?

ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS STOCK UP ON WHEAT WHILE IT'S STILL RELATIVELY CHEAP.

BUT STILL...

WHAT CAUSED THE PRICE OF GOODS TO INFLATE?

IT'S NOT JUST WHEAT. BARLEY, BEANS, MEAT... THE PRICE OF ALL CONSUMABLE GOODS ARE ON THE RISE.

YOU'LL HAVE TO EAT SOMETHING ELSE IF WHEAT IS TOO EXPENSIVE.

THANKS FOR THE HEADS-UP.

NO PROBLEM.

YEAH.

IF I DON'T STOCKPILE ON FOOD SOON, MY FAMILY WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE THE COMING WINTER.

THERE ARE LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE BIG CITIES OF CENTRAL, SO THE PRICES ARE FLUC-TUATING EXTREMELY QUICKLY.

I'M GOING TO TRY THE COUNTRYSIDE.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

YOU'RE GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE COUNTRYSIDE JUST TO BUY WHEAT?

YES.

THIS IS A VERY RARE SITUATION.

CALL IT A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

BUT REALLY...

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

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WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S THE RUSH?

LONE WINTER KING!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

DID CENTRAL SEND OUT AN ARMY?

IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT RIGHT NOW!

TAXES?

WHAT KIND OF PROBLEM DO WE HAVE WITH TAXES?

NO, THAT'S NOT IT

IT'S ABOUT TAXES.

ARGH...

IS IT THAT BAD?

IT'S A BIG PROBLEM!

IF WE DON'T DEAL WITH IT PROPERLY, THE COUNTRY WILL BE AT STAKE!

It's genuine growth.

I learned how to act in front of the King.

He certainly got a lot more confident.

ALL RIGHT LET ME SEE THE REPORT

THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT.

I'LL EXPLAIN IN WORDS.

There's no time to waste.

A presentation?

PRICE OF GOODS

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

GOLD

PRICE OF GOODS

VARIOUS KINGDOMS IN THE CENTRAL CONTINENT ARE EXPERIENCING A RAPID INCREASE ON THE PRICES OF GOODS.

AT THE SAME TIME, GOLD CIRCULATION IS ALSO ON THE RISE.

THAT WILL BE DEVASTATING TO THE PEOPLE'S LIVES!

THE GOODS YOU USED TO BUY AT 5 PIECES OF GOLD LAST WEEK NOW COSTS 10 PIECES OF GOLD, AND WILL RISE TO 20 PIECES OF GOLD THE WEEK AFTER.

THE PRICES WILL KEEP ON INCREASING.

THAT'S SO EASY TO UNDER-STAND..

It's making me excited for some reason...

THIS IS A CRITICAL SITUATION.

HMM...

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS CHART,

THE PRICES ARE ABOUT TO DOUBLE THE YEARLY AVERAGE, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNS OF IT SLOWING DOWN.

IF THERE ARE LESS GOODS ON THE MARKET, PRICES WILL GO UP

AND GOLD CIRCULATION WILL INCREASE BY THE AMOUNT OF GOLD SPENT.

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Market

WHEAT

WHEAT

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I BELIEVE THIS IS DUE TO SOMEONE BUYING UP CONSUM-ABLE GOODS. THIS IS MOST APPARENT WITH WHEAT.

HOWEVER, GOLD INCREASE HAS BEEN PRIMARILY FOCUSED AMONG NOBLES AND FEUDAL LORDS.

COMMONERS LACK THE CURRENCY TO DEAL WITH THE SUDDEN SURGE IN PRICES.

Gold has been flowing to those possessing a large supply of goods

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

WHO? FOR WHAT REASON?

THAT'S FOR LATER.

THE IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THIS.

I SEE.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT TAKING CARE OF THE INFLATION COMES FIRST.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THIS?

AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS MAP, THERE'S A REGIONAL DIFFERENCE IN HOW FAST THE PRICES ARE RISING.

HIGHER

HOWEVER, PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO RESTOCK FROM THE REGIONS WHERE PRICES HAVEN'T JUMPED UP YET, SO THE EFFECT IS SPREADING FURTHER AND FURTHER

IS CLOSING IN ON US, SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS, TOO.




GOT IT.
IT'S TURNING INTO A DIRE SITUATION.


YOU SHOULD THINK OF THIS AS AN ATTACK.
WE NEED TO DEFEND AGAINST IT RIGHT AWAY

LIKE A TOLL FEE?

WITH WHEAT AS OUR PRIMARY TARGET, LET'S COLLECT TAXES ON GOODS THAT ARE EXPORTED OUT OF THE THREE NATIONS TRADE UNION.

THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IS "TARIFF".

WHETHER IT'S WHEAT OR POTATO, IF IT'S BEING MOVED OUT OF THE COUNTRY, WE'LL ASK FOR TEN PIECES OF GOLD PER WAGON.

TEN PIECES?! THAT'S ABSURD!

IT'S SIMILAR, BUT IT ACTS ONLY IN ONE DIRECTION.

IN THIS CASE, WE ONLY APPLY IT THIS ON GOODS THAT ARE EXPORT-ED OUT

TARIFF

WINTER NATION

We definitely don't wanna starve

YOU'RE RIGHT! MAYBE WE SHOULD GO WITH 20 PIECES!

BESIDES, IF WE DON'T APPLY A HEAVY-HANDED TARIFF,

OUR ENTIRE FOOD SUPPLY WILL BE A BOUGHT UP BY CENTRAL AND WE'LL END UP STARVING DURING THE WINTER.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL BE THE ONES GETTING HURT.

THIS SITUATION IS OCCURRING BECAUSE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS

"WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PIECE OF [illegible]

NEXT, A TEMPORARY HALT TO MONETARY WAGE SYSTEM ON JOBS WITHIN THE PALACE.

A PIECE OF GOLD USED TO BE WORTH THREE [illegible]

THE PROBLEM LIES.

[illegible] CONFIDENCE IN THE CURRENCY [illegible]

WE'LL REDUCE THE USE OF CURRENCY [illegible]

IF NECESSARY, WE'LL PAY THE WAGES OF SOLDIERS AND PALACE OFFICIALS IN WHEAT

POTATO IS A CROP THAT'S BEEN DECLARED HERESY BY CENTRAL.

THEY WON'T DARE BUY IT UNLESS THEY ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO.

OUR COUNTRY, ALONG WITH THE OTHER TWO NATIONS IN THE THREE NATIONS ALLIANCE, ARE IN THE MIDST OF CONVERTING OUR STAPLE FOOD FROM WHEAT TO POTATO.

THEN, SELL THE POTATOES WE OWN TO CONSUMERS AROUND TOWN AT THE SAME FIXED PRICE.

GOVERNMENT

PRODUCER

CONSUMER

Make sure to adjust the pricing on a regular basis.

ESTABLISH A FIXED PRICE ON POTATOES,

AND BUY THEM UP FROM THE PRODUCERS AT THAT PRICE.

SINCE YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO

"HOW MANY POTATOES CAN YOU BUY WITH A PIECE OF GOLD?"

WITH THIS SYSTEM, CONFIDENCE IN THE CURRENCY SHOULD STABILIZE WITHIN THE THREE NATIONS TRADE MARKET

GOT IT

WILL THOSE AS COUNTERMEASURES BE ENOUGH?

PLEASE TRY TO ENCOURAGE MORE PRODUC-TION.

WE SHOULD INCREASE OUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF POTATO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TOO.

IF CENTRAL'S SUPPLY OF FOOD RUNS OUT, WE MIGHT SEE LARGER WAVES OF IMMIGRANTS FLOODING INTO OUR COUNTRY.

THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE WHO TURN TO THIEVERY DUE TO STARVA-TION.

WE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT AN INCREASE IN CRIMES.

I'LL SHOW YOU THAT OUR ARMY IS NOT JUST FOR SHOW

LEAVE THAT TO ME!

I BELIEVE WE WILL NEED TO STRENGTHEN OUR LOOKOUTS

THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

I CONSENT TO EVERY DETAIL.

IT'S MY PLEASURE.

MY PLEASURE.

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HUH?

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR INSIGHTS. FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE THE *FINANCIAL MINISTER.*

IT'S A HIGH-PROFILE JOB. WE'LL DISCUSS YOUR WAGE AND BENEFITS LATER.

NO...

UHHH...

SINCE YOU'RE THE FINANCIAL MINISTER, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THREE TIMES THE CURRENT WORKLOAD!

Want a red cape?

I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

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I better go prepare for my work as well...

I'M GOING TO WORK RIGHT AWAY

I'M ENTRUSTING EVERYTHING TO YOU!

Do what needs to be done!

YES PLEASE.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?

MASTER!

DON'T BE SO DOWN!

YOU MADE QUITE A SPECTACLE!

HAA...

HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE ME END UP AS THE FINANCIAL MINISTER?

Will this country survive?

DON'T TEASE ME, SIR.

GEEZ, I WAS SHOCKED!

MOST OF IT.

WERE YOU WATCHING?

YES...

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BUT YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA

AS TO WHO IS BEHIND THESE TURN OF EVENTS, DON'T YOU?

THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING AN ECONOMIC ATTACK OF THIS SCALE IS *"UNION"*, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

BUT IS THAT REALLY THEIR ONLY OBJECTIVE?

THEY COULD BE RAMPING UP THE PRICE OF GOODS TO MAKE A PROFIT BY SELLING THEM OFF LATER.

BUT THEIR GOAL REMAINS UNCLEAR.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE AN IDEA AS TO WHO THE CULPRIT IS?

ANYWAY, THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO CREATED THIS SITUATION WITHIN "UNION"...

A "KEY PLAYER".

EVEN MY TEACHER?!

EVEN SCHOLAR HAD AN EYE ON HIM.

YEAH.

HE DEFINITELY COULD'VE PULLED THIS OFF.

BUT... I ALSO CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS OBJECTIVE IS.

WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO

BY GATHERING ALL THE WHEAT IN THE CONTINENT?

HMM... THIS RADIANCE...

THIS DEEP, CLEAR SCARLET...

ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL.

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IT TAUGHT ME A LOT

YOU DID A GREAT JOB ACQUIRING IT

PIGEON BLOOD FROM THE NORTHERN REGION.

IT'S CERTAINLY A TREASURE.

AND ABOUT YOUR PAYMENT

I KNOW, I KNOW.

YOU WANT IT IN WHEAT, RIGHT?

PLEASE SEEK OUR SERVICES NEXT TIME AS WELL.

THAT'S RIGHT, ABOUT WHEAT

IF IT LETS ME OWN THIS GEM,

I'LL EXCHANGE IT FOR ALL THE WHEAT IN THE WORLD.

YES.

OF COURSE, SIR.

YOU GAVE ME THIS THING CALLED "WHEAT HANDOVER BOND"

ARE YOU REALLY PLANNING TO PAY GOLD FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

I SEE...

YOU SURE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING.

BOND

GOLD

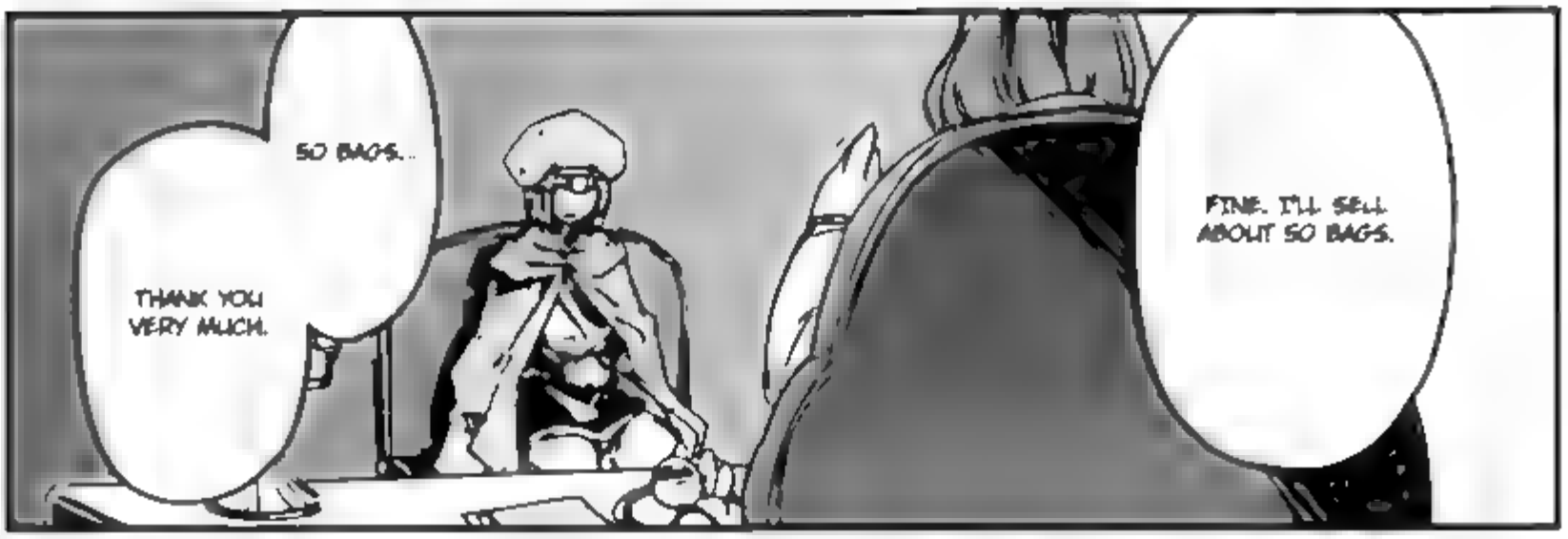
IT'S A PROMISSORY NOTE FOR PASSING OVER YOUR WHEAT HARVEST WHEN THE TIME COMES...

WHEAT HARVEST

WHEAT

BOND

IN SHORT, I'M *PAYING FOR THE NEXT HARVEST IN ADVANCE.*


SO BAGS...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
FINE. I'LL SELL ABOUT 50 BAGS.


AS DO I, SIR. LET'S KEEP A GOOD RELATIONSHIP.


THINK OF IT AS MY GRATITUDE FOR THIS LITTLE THING.
I'D LIKE TO DO MORE BUSINESS WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE TOO.




AND WE'RE LIVING IN A TIME WHEN *STAYING AHEAD IS NECESSARY*, RIGHT?

ALL RIGHT.

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO LEAVE, SIR.

I'M VERY THANKFUL FOR LETTING US DO SUCH WONDERFUL BUSINESS TOGETHER.

MY.. I'M.. SO HONORED.

I'LL JOIN YOU NO MATTER WHAT

I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHER NOBLES AT OUR NEXT PARTY

I'LL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU CAN JOIN ME.

WAS THAT OKAY, DEAR MASTER?

YOU AGREED TO A VERY SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTION...

PFFT...

WHAT A BRAT.

THE LOWLY COMMONERS WILL GET ME THOSE WHEAT.

REAL VALUES LIE ON THINGS LIKE THIS THAT SHINES GRACEFULLY

NOT A PROBLEM.

HOW ARE THE PREPARATIONS?

SIR.

BESIDES...

WHY WOULD I NEED TO KEEP A PROMISE WITH SOME VILE MER-CHANT LIKE HIM?

ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE ABLE TO RECRUIT A COUPLE HIGH-PROFILE MERCENARIES.

THEY'LL BE JOINING US SOON.

THE CHIVALRIC ORDER HAS BEEN INFORMED ALREADY.

KUKUKU...

THEY NUMBER 800 ALL TOGETHER.

WITH THAT NUMBER, I CAN RESPOND TO THIS ASSEMBLY ORDER WITH FULL PRESTIGE.

DAMN THOSE BARBARIC KINGS IN THE SOUTH! THEY WON'T DARE IMAGINE THAT WE'LL ACT SO QUICKLY.

MY TREASURE BOX IS FLOODING WITH GOLD.

ALONG WITH THAT, WE ALSO HAVE THIS "WHEAT HANDOVER BOND".

THANKS TO WHEAT PRICES RISING AT THE PERFECT TIME, WE MANAGED TO RACK UP PLENTY FOR OUR WAR FUNDS.

I'LL TURN THOSE BARBARIC KINGS OF THE SOUTH EVEN REDDER THAN THIS GEM!

IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT TELLING US

TO TAKE DOWN THE TREACHEROUS SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOMS.

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A WOMAN SHOULDN'T BE WALKING BY HERSELF AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND

FOUND YOU.

CAN YOU PLEASE WAIT?

HUH?

UMM...

WE MET ONCE BEFORE,

REMEMBER?

OHH...

HOW FOOLISH OF ME.

I CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE, MA'AM...

DEAR GUEST IS A MERCHANT... SOMEONE WHO CAN ACQUIRE ANYTHING YOU ASK.

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD AT THE PARTY.

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WHAT WILL THE VISITOR FROM THE DEMON WORLD TELL HIM?

SO I CAME HERE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU, DEAR GUEST.

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